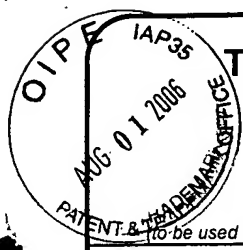


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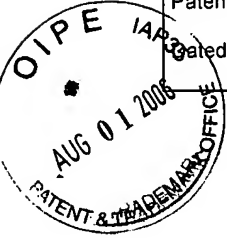
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The item identified in this IDS may or may not be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56. The submission thereof by Applicant(s) is not to be construed as an admission that any such patent, publication or other information referred to therein is material or considered to be material (37 CFR § 1.97(h)), or even qualifies as "prior art" under 35 USC § 102 with respect to this invention unless specifically designated by Applicant(s) as such.

1. Timing of the Information Disclosure Statement:

☒ This IDS is believed to be timely in that it is being submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(b), that is (1) with the new patent application submitted herein (37 CFR § 1.97(a)); or (2) within three months of the filing date of the application, which is not a continued prosecution application filed under § 1.53(d) or (3) within three months of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR § 1.491; or (4) before the mailing of a first Office action on the merits; or (5) before the mailing of a first Office action after filing a request for continued examination under § 1.114. Thus, no fee is required.

☒ However, if the undersigned is in error in this regard, Applicant(s) respectfully requests that the Office consider this IDS as filed under 37 CFR § 1.97(c), if applicable, and charge the fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to the deposit account referenced below.

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2. Copies of the Cited Items:

☒ Copies of all of the items listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08B are enclosed.

☐ Copies of only the following items listed on the attached forms PTO/SB/08A (Item Nos. *) and PTO/SB/08B (Item Nos. *) are enclosed.

☒ A copy of the following items listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08A (Item No. 1 - 5) is not enclosed. See 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(i).

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3. Concise Explanation of Relevance:

☒ A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B is not given.

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4. Related Applications:

☒ Applicant(s) brings to the Office's attention the following related application(s): U.S. Patent Application No. 10/656,478 filed September 5, 2003 and U.S. Patent Application No. 10/656,063 filed September 5, 2003.

5. Conclusion:

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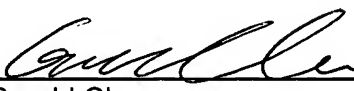
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Respectfully submitted,
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